



November 14, 2007

Rod Johnson, Chair
Nebraska Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 94927
Lincoln, NE 68509

RE: Rule and Regulation 170 Docket

Dear Commissioner Johnson:

On behalf of its municipal members, the League of Nebraska Municipalities is very interested in the issue of railroad transmission line crossings. This has been a very frustrating issue for municipalities for a number of years. A crossing agreement can take many months to finalize, and can be very costly. The League supports a readily identifiable uniform process that utilities can use when they need to cross railroad right-of-way.

We are also very supportive of the concepts outlined in the amendments suggested by the Nebraska Telephone Association. This approach would add specificity to the process so that a utility can plan on a date when they can begin construction, and can fix the costs associated with that construction.

We encourage you to move forward on these regulatory changes. We also strongly encourage you to look at the approach suggested by the Nebraska Telephone Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary G. Krumland'.

Gary G. Krumland
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